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PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH COMPARED.

DEATH RATES FOR PRINCIPAL CAUSES, OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 1921, IN A GROUP OF INSURED PERSONS.

The accompanying table is taken from the Statistical Bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for December, 1921. It presents the mortality data of the industrial department of the company for October and November, 1921, and November and year, 1920.

The figures are based on a strength of approximately 13,400,000 insured persons.

Death rates (annual basis) per 100,000 lives exposed, for principal causes, October and November, 1921, and November and year, 1920.

[Industrial Department, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.]

Cause of death.	Death rate per 100,000 lives exposed.			
	November, 1921.	October, 1921.	November, 1920.	Year 1920.
Total, all causes.....	836.7	770.8	848.6	989.4
Typhoid fever.....	8.7	8.4	9.4	6.7
Measles.....	.6	.3	2.2	8.5
Scarlet fever.....	5.5	3.4	7.1	6.0
Whooping cough.....	1.6	1.3	2.7	6.6
Diphtheria.....	30.7	27.4	31.7	22.1
Influenza.....	5.2	3.6	5.7	53.5
Tuberculosis (all forms).....	95.3	95.3	114.4	137.9
Cancer.....	70.1	69.5	70.6	69.8
Meningitis (all forms).....	5.3	4.0	4.2	5.2
Cerebral hemorrhage.....	62.6	52.7	57.2	61.3
Organic diseases of heart.....	118.4	107.8	105.9	117.0
Pneumonia (all forms).....	61.1	39.4	54.1	106.1
Other respiratory diseases.....	15.1	11.8	15.2	18.2
Diarrhea and enteritis.....	13.2	14.7	14.9	15.8
Bright's disease.....	69.1	62.2	65.7	70.8
Puerperal state.....	16.3	14.1	15.5	23.0
Suicides.....	5.9	8.4	6.1	6.1
Homicides.....	6.3	6.6	5.3	5.8
Other external causes (excluding suicides and homicides).....	51.4	49.9	61.4	60.1
Traumatism by automobile.....	13.6	13.8	15.1	11.1
All other causes.....	194.1	190.0	199.2	188.9

DEATHS DURING WEEK ENDED DEC. 31, 1921.

Summary of information received by telegraph from industrial insurance companies for week ended Dec. 31, 1921, and corresponding week, 1920. (From the Weekly Health Index, Jan. 3, 1922, issued by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.)

	Week ended Dec. 31, 1921.	Correspondin g week, 1920.
Policies in force.....	47, 852, 588	45, 019, 068
Number of death claims.....	9, 648	7, 093
Death claims per 1,000 policies in force, annual rate.....	10.5	8.2